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1. THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH VERSION OF FOREIGN MINISTER
HAFIZULLAH AMIN'S MAY 19 ADDRESS AT THE NON-ALIGNED
COORDINATING BUREAU'S MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AT HAVANA
WAS CARRIED IN THE MAY 21 EDITION OF THE OFFICIAL "KABUL
TIMES" (THE TEXT FOLLOWS.) AMIN'S GENERAL OUTLINE OF
THE NEW AFGHAN REGIME'S PROJECTED FOREIGN POLICIES
CONFORMS WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENTS MADE BY OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL LEADERSHIP (E.G., NON-
ALIGNMENT REMAINS THE CORNERSTONE OF AFGHANISTAN'S
FOREIGN RELATIONS, AND A REORIENTATION OF THE WORLD'S
ECONOMIC SYSTEM IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE
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FORTUNES OF ALL DEVELOPING NATION). OTHER FORMULATIONS
REGARDING, INTER ALIA, THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, PAKISTAN,
AND DISARMAMENT, ARE ALSO STANDARD REPLAYS OF PRE-
REVOLUTIONARY AFGHAN POSITIONS. THE MOST STRIKING CONTRAST
BETWEEN THIS REGIME'S PRONOUNCEMENTS, AND THOSE OF ITS
DAOUDIST PREDECESSOR, IS, OF COURSE, THE PREVALENCE OF
LEFTIST CATCH-PHRASES AND SLOGANS, A FEATURE WHICH BY

NOW HAS BECOME COMMONPLACE THROUGHOUT THIS GOVERNMENT'S
POLICY STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

MR. PRESIDENT, EXCELLENCIES,

DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REPRESENT IN THIS AUGUST ASSEMBLY,
A NEWLY-CREATED DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC FOUNDED UPON TRUE
ASPIRATION OF AN INDEPENDENT AND FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLE
THAT COULD NOT LONGER TOLERATE THE INEQUALITIES AND
USURPATION OF RIGHTS WHICH THE LAST REMNANTS OF A DECAYING
DYNASTY VAINLY ENDEAVOURED TO FORCE UPON THEM.

3. THE DATE APRIL 27, 1978, WHEN THE NOBLE AND
PATRIOTIC PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN TOOK ARMS AGAINST THE
FORCES OF TYRANNY AND OPPRESSION, HERALDED A NEW CHAPTER
IN AFGHAN HISTORY. THE DESPOTIC REGIME OF MOHAMMAD
DAOUD THAT STROVE TO PERPETUATE ITS OWN SELFISH AND
REACTIONARY INTERESTS UNDER THE GUISE OF A REPUBLICAN
ORDER WAS SWIFTLY AND TRIUMPHANTLY CRUSHED BY THE INDOM-
ITABLE SPIRIT OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE.

4. WE, MR. PRESIDENT, HAVE NOW EMBARKED ON A REVOLUTION
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BASED ON DEMOCRACY FOR PEOPLE AND DEDICATED TO THE
TRANSFORMATION OF AN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL
STRUCTURE INHERITED FROM A TYRANNICAL AND SUPPRESSIVE
PAST, IN ORDER TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO SUCCESSFULLY
UTILIZE OUR HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE
BETTERMENT AND INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN.

5. THE NEW DEMOCRATIC REGIME LED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY
COUNCIL ENJOYS THE FULL AND STAUNCH SUPPORT OF THE
PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN. WE SHOULD A HEAVY AND HISTORIC
RESPONSIBILITY AND SHALL NOT REST UNTIL WE ATTAIN OUR
OBJECTIVES OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY SOCIETY FREE FROM ALL FORMS OF
OPPRESSION AND THE EXPLOITATION OF INDIVIDUAL BY
INDIVIDUAL.

6. AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
AFGHANISTAN AND A MEMBER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL,
IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO CONVEY TO YOU, MR.
PRESIDENT, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE GREAT REVOLUTIONARY
LEADER OF CUBA, PRESIDENT CASTRO, ITS PEOPLE AND
GOVERNMENT THE WARM AND HEARTFELT GREETINGS OF PRESIDENT

OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF AFGHANISTAN NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAHI.

7. THE AFGHAN PEOPLE HAVE MUCH IN COMMON WITH THE PEOPLE
OF CUBA WHOSE GLORIOUS HISTORICAL PAST IN THEIR
STRUGGLE AGAINST INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL REACTIONARY
FORCES HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION TO FREEDOM
FIGHTERS AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS EVERYWHERE.

8. ALLOW ME, ON BEHALF OF MY DELEGATION, TO EXPRESS OUR
APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM WELCOME AND GENEROUS HOSPI-
TALITY EXTENDED TO US AND OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE
EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THIS MEETING
AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE.
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9. THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN HAS DECLARED A POLICY OF POSITIVE AND ACTIVE NON-ALIGNMENT AND WE SHOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM OUR ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF NON-ALIGNMENT FOR ENSURING PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH ALL. WE BELIEVE IN FREEDOM, FREEDOM FOR THE PEOPLE OF EACH COUNTRY TO FOLLOW THEIR DESTINY WITHOUT EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE AND ABOVE ALL WE BELIEVE IN THE DIGNITY OF MAN, IRRESPECTIVE OF HIS RACE, COLOR OR CREED AND HIS RIGHT TO A BETTER AND RICHER LIFE. ADHERENCE TO THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE CORNERSTONES OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

10. WITH OUR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS OUR FOREIGN POLICY SHALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE ONE OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, AND WE ENTERTAIN EVERY HOPE THAT THROUGH PEACEFUL DIALOGUE WITH PAKISTAN, A JUST SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND FOR THE ONLY POLITICAL PROBLEM BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH IS THE REALIZATION OF RIGHTS AND TRUE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PASHTUN AND BALUCH PEOPLE BASED ON THEIR OWN FREE WILL AND UPON HISTORICAL BACKGROUND.

11. MR. PRESIDENT,
AS MEMBERS OF ONE GREAT MOVEMENT, COMMITTED TO THE SAME IDEALS, THERE IS MUCH THAT EACH OF US CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SEEKING DURABLE AND EQUITABLE SOLUTIONS TO BURNING ISSUES OF OUR TIME. ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND POLITICAL TENSIONS BRING MANY PROBLEMS TO SURFACE. ALTHOUGH THE COMPULSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DEMAND A REVISION OF OLD IDEAS AND POLICIES THEY CLING ON AND IMPERIALISTIC ATTEMPTS WITH ITS OLD AND NEW FORMS TO ORDER THE WORLD IN THE INTERESTS OF A FEW COUNTRIES HAVE NOT BEEN WHOLLY ABANDONED. THE POLICY OF FORCE AND COLONIALISM STILL DOMINATES IN SOME AREAS OF THE WORLD AND THERE CONTINUE TO EXIST AREAS OF INSTABILITY AND CONFLICT, OR REPRESSION AND INJUSTICE. OF DOMINATION AND DISCRIMINATION.

12. DESPITE SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS, OMINOUS DARK SHADOWS CONTINUE TO DOMINATE THE BROADER HORIZON OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. FOR DETENTE TO BECOME TRULY EFFECTIVE AND MEANINGFUL IT MUST ENCOMPASS AND EMBRACE ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD, COVERING RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL NATIONS BIG AND SMALL, STRONG AND WEAK, IRRESPECTIVE OF DIFFERENCES IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS, AND SHOULD ENSURE THEIR PARTICIPATION ON AN EQUAL FOOTING IN THE SOLUTION OF MAJOR WORLD PROBLEMS.

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13. MR. PRESIDENT,
THE DANGER TO WORLD PEACE INHERENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST
CONFLICT CANNOT BE OVER-EMPHASIZED. THE BLATANT
AGGRESSION BY ISRAEL AGAINST THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
OF ARAB STATES SUCH AS LEBANON IS INTOLERABLE TO ANY
PEACE-LOVING NATION.

14. THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN FIRMLY BELIEVES
THAT THE TOTAL AND COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES
FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND RESPECT FOR THE
LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE
UNDER ITS REPRESENTATIVE THE PLO IN THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINE STATE ARE PRE-REQUISITES OF A
JUST AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.
THIS IS THE ONLY GUARANTEE OF PEACE IN THE AREA AND THE ARAB
COUNTRIES WHOSE TERRITORY IS OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL AND THE
PALESTINIANS DESERVE ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE
FROM THE NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER PEACE LOVING COUNTRIES TOWARDS
THE ATTAINMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE.

15. MR. PRESIDENT,
WE, OF THE NON-ALIGNED, ARE KEENLY AWARE THAT SO LONG
AS THERE ARE EXPLOITERS AND EXPLOITEES, MASTERS AND
SLAVES, OPPRESSORS AND OPPRESSED, CONFLICT WILL PREVAIL.
THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION ARE STILL DOMINANT AND ACTIVE IN AFRICA,
ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA.

16. THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, DESPITE THE STEPPED-
UP STRUGGLE OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE TO ASSERT THEIR
INDEPENDENCE AGAINST THE RACIST MINORITY REGIMES OF
RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE.
SUCH ANACHRONISTIC COLONIALISM COULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED
WITHOUT THE CONCEALED OR OVERT SUPPORT RECEIVED BY
THE RACIST REGIMES FROM THEIR ALLIES. IN THIS CONTEXT
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MY DELEGATION UNEQUIVOCALLY SUPPORTS SWAPO AS THE
ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.

17. WE OF THE NON-ALIGNED MUST EXERT EVERY EFFORT IN THE
FIRST INSTANCE TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MANDATORY

ARMS AND ECONOMIC EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND
TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENT IN SUPPORT OF LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS IN THEIR JUST AND LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE FOR
SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

18. WE MUST CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN AND BROADEN THE EXISTING
SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION OF ALL FORCES SEEKING AN
END TO THE MONSTROSITIES OF APARTHEID AND FORMS OF
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND SHOULD NOT REST UNTIL THE
LAST REMNANTS AND VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM ARE
WIPED OUT FROM THE FACE OF THE GLOBE.

19. MR. PRESIDENT,
PEACE IN THE WORLD CANNOT BE CONSOLIDATED SO LONG AS THE
ARMS RACE REMAINS UNABATED AND ANY STRATEGY FOR PEACE MUST PROVIDE
FOR TOTAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT. MANKIND MUST BE FREED
FROM THE FOLLY OF PROLIFERATION OF THE WEAPONS OF
DESTRUCTION AND THE WASTE OF PRECIOUS HUMAN, FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL
RESOURCES, RESOURCES THAT CAN BE CONSTRUCTIVELY CHANNELLED
TO ALLEVIATE THE MISFORTUNES AND SUFFERINGS OF TWO THIRDS OF
HUMANITY THQT IS ENGAGED IN A STRUGGLE FOR SHEER SURVIVAL.

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20. THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS A CAUSE OF GRAVE CONCERN TO US AND WE HOPE THAT THE FORTHCOMING SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION WILL SERIOUSLY ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TREATY AND ADOPT CONSTRUCTIVE MEASURES TOWARDS A GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT.

21. MR. PRESIDENT,
CLOSELY LINKED TO THE IMPORTANT ISSUE OF DISARMAMENT IS THE QUESTION OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES ON FOREIGN SOILS.

22. MANY COUNTRIES OCCUPY STRATEGIC POSITIONS IN THEIR REGIONS WHICH RENDER THEM COVETED OBJECTS TO OUTSIDE IMPERIALIST POWERS IN SEARCH OF BASES AND STRATEGIC ADVANTAGES. SUCH COUNTRIES MAY BE TEMPTED TO SUCCUMB IN VIEW OF CONSIDERATIONS OFFERED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SUCH BASES. HOWEVER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY SUCCUMBING THEY NOT ONLY COMPROMISE THEIR SOVEREIGNTY, BUT ENDANGER THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THEIR REGION. EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO DEFEATE ATTEMPTS OF COUNTRIES IN SEARCH OF ESTABLISHING SUCH BASES AND THUS PUT AN END TO AGGRESSIVE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS ON FOREIGN SOILS.

23. MR. PRESIDENT,
THE CAUSE OF PEACE IS NOT ADVANCED BY POLITICAL MEANS ALONE. TO BE REALISTIC, EQUITABLE, JUST AND ENDURING, PEACE, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE EXPLOITATION THAT TOOK PLACE IN COLONIAL ERA, MUST BE BUTTRESSED BY AND CUSHIONED UPON THE ECONOMIC POTENTIALITIES OF ALL NATIONS.

24. WE MUST CONSIDER, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WAYS AND MEANS OF SPEEDILY ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND IN DOING SO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE RUTHLESS ROLE PLAYED BY COLONIAL POWERS IN THE COURSE OF HISTORY IN PLUNDERING AND EXPLOITING THESE COUNTRIES' RICHES AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

25. BITTER EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT RELIANCE ON AID DISPENSED TO ACHIEVE SHORT-TERM POLITICAL FAVORS AND GAIN STRATEGIC ADVANTAGES HAS BEEN A FRUITLESS EXERCISE. HOWEVER, THOUGH DEVELOPMENT ULTIMATELY DEPENDS ON THE ENDEAVOURS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY, IT NEVERTHELESS REQUIRES A JUST AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM. THE PRESENT UNJUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM WITH ITS ERRATIC TRADE AND MONETARY POLICIES CREATED DURING THE COLONIAL ERA TO SERVE COLONIAL INTERESTS IS UNSUITABLE FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR TIMES. WE MUST CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO HARMONIZE OUR POLICIES AND DEVELOP A JOINT BARGAINING STRENGTH TO REFORM THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH OUR GOALS OF ECONOMIC

PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT, THUS CLOSING THE WIDENING GAP
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BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

26. MR. PRESIDENT,
IN SPITE OF THE ADOPTION OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT DECADE, NOT MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN RAISING
THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF THE DEVELOPING, LEAST DEVELOPED AND
DEVELOPING LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES. ON THE CONTRARY, ONLY HALF-HEARTED
MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN RECTIFYING THE IMBALANCE IN ECONOMIC AND
TRADE OPPORTUNITIES. HOWEVER, REALISTIC POSSIBILITIES EXIST
FOR THESE COUNTRIES TO RAPIDLY OVERCOME THEIR UNDER-DEVELOPMENT
AND ATTENDANT ADVERSITIES, PROVIDED THAT AT THE INTERNATIONAL
LEVEL A SOUND STRATEGY AIMED AT PROMOTING A REALISTIC AND BALANCED
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FREE FROM EXPLOITATION INTERESTS, IS
FORMULATED. THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT AND
CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN ENSURING THAT THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS DEVELOP-
MENT DECADE IS REALISTICALLY GEARED TO THE NEEDS OF REQUIREMENTS
OF THE DEVELOPING, LEAST-DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING LANDLOCKED
COUNTRIES.

27. MR. PRESIDENT,
THE INCREASING NUMBER OF COUNTRIES THAT HAVE JOINED OUR
MOVEMENT IS IN ITSELF PROOF THAT NON-ALIGNMENT HAS GAINED
ACCEPTANCE BY PEOPLES AS LEADING THE PATH TOWARDS REALISATION
OF THEIR ASPIRATIONS IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM
AND IMPERIALISM, FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND FOR PEACE AND EQUALITY IN INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS.

28. THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT ANY ORGANIZATION
BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE WITH THE PURPOSE OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND SINCERE DESIRE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF MANKIND
IS DESTINED TO TRIUMPH.

29. WITH FULL FAITH IN THE SUCCESS OF STRUGGLE FOR THE ATTAIN-
MENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ELIMINATION OF OPPRESSION WE ARE
CONFIDENT THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO ENFORCE THE OBJECTIVES AND
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PRINCIPLES OF OUR MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD, AND FOR THE
PEACE AND HAPPINESS OF MANKIND.

30. IT IS OUR ARDENT HOPE THAT IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO
PROBLEMS ON OUR AGENDA, THE HAVANA CONFERENCE WILL BE INSPIRED BY

THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY GUIDED OUR
MOVEMENT WITH REALISM AND HAVE ENHANCED AND STRENGTHENED
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